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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE DELEGATION VISITS ETHIOPIA AND ATTACKS
U.S. IMPERIALISM

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THREE-MAN VIETNAMESE DEL,
LED BY DOAN TRAN CANAH, MEMBER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS BOARD,
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND MEMBER
OF VIETNAMESE AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE,
PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO ETHIOPIA, JUNE 29-JULY 6. WHILE
HERE DOAN TOOK SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PROCLAIM "SOCIALIST"
VIETNAM'S SUPPORT FOR "SOCIALIST" ETHIOPIA AND PUBLICLY
CASTIGATE U.S. DOAN CLAIMED "MORE THAN 12 MILLION TONS
OF POISONOUS EXPLOSIVES RAINED ON VIETNAM FROM WAR MACHINES
OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, AND VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHOSE ONLY
SIN WAS TO FOLLOW SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY, HAD 6,000 TOWNS
BOMBED WITH HALF TOTALLY DESTROYED". DOAN SAID, "WE
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UNDERSTAND INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM, AND IN PARTICULAR,
U.S. IMPERIALISM HAS TRIED TO COUNTERATTACK AND FOIL
ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, BUT U.S. IMPERIALISM HAS BEEN
DEFEATED IN LAGOS (SIC), CAMBODIA, VIETNAM, ANGOLA,
MOZAMBIQUE AND IS DOOMED TO FAILURE IN ETHIOPIA AS WELL."
JULY 7 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED DOAN'S SPEECH WITH
FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES READING "ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION

WEAKENS U.S. IMPERIALISM IN RED SEA AREA". DOAN'S ACTUAL SPEECH COMMENTED ON NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA AND SAID THAT "THESE MOVEMENTS CONSTITUTE GREAT FORCE FOR WEAKENING U.S. IMPERIALISM IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD."

2. AS FAREWELL GIFT TO PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU, DOAN PRESENTED GIFT "SYMBOLIZING SOUTH VIETNAMESE FIGHTER KILLING AN AMERICAN GI" AND RING MADE FROM THE METAL OF THE "4,000TH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY VIETNAMESE FIGHTERS".

3. WHILE IN ETHIOPIA THE VIETNAMESE WERE BRIEFED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING; MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND SETTLEMENT. DELEGATION ALSO VISITED THE YEKATIT '66 POLITICAL SCHOOL (WHICH PREPARES POLITICAL AGITATORS TO POLITICIZE THE MASSES), THE PROVISIONAL OFFICE FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND REVIEWED UNITS OF THE PEOPLE'S MILITIA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: VISIT WAS OF INTEREST TO BOTH VIETNAMESE AND ETHIOPIAN WATCHERS. FROM FORMER STANDPOINT, VISIT REVEALED CONTINUING HOSTILITY AND ANTAGONISM ON PART VIETNAM TOWARD U.S. PROMINENT CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLICITY GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED ETHIOPIAN PRESS GAVE TO VISIT LEADS EMBASSY TO BELIEVE EPMG WORKING HARD TO BREAK DOWN HITHERTO ALOOF STANCE TAKEN BY VIETNAM TOWARDS ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. HPUBLICITY GIVEN DOAN'S ANTI-U.S. REMARKS IN TURN DEMONSTRATES OBLIQUE METHOD EPMG CURRENTLY USING TO ATTACK U.S., E.G., TECHNIQUE OF USING VISITING PARTY FUNCTIONARIES FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (OR FRATERNAL COMMUNIST PARTIES) TO BUTTRESS ETHIOPIAN CHARGES THAT THEIR REVOLUTION IS BESEIGED BY U.S. COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY EFFORTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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